

Spelling Pathway

Objective: In this game, your child will practice reading and spelling words with long vowel sounds.

Learning area(s): Reading and Writing

Age group(s): 7 years, 8 years

Materials

- board game (printable) or make your own
- a coin
- game pieces (from another game)

Let's Play!

Before you play, make a game board by printing the template or by making your own. Randomly write one word in each space from the word lists in Tips. You might focus on one vowel sound at a time. (Hint: **A long vowel “says its name,”** like the **o** sound in the word **no**.)

Tell your child that you are going to play a reading and spelling game. Together, read each word on the board. Allow your child to go first and have them flip a coin. If they get heads, they move two spaces; if they get tails, they move one space. Encourage them to read the word they land on and assist as needed. Then cover the word with your hand and have your child spell it. If they spell it correctly, they can move forward by one more space; if they spell it wrong, show the word and have them spell it. **Then it's your turn. Take turns playing until you reach the end!** As you play, give your child lots of encouragement as they learn how to spell.

Tips

- Word lists:

<u>long a</u>		<u>long e</u>		<u>long i</u>		<u>long o</u>		<u>long u</u>
late	label	bee	heat	ice	shine	rose	yoga	cube
race	aim	greed	meal	fire	pie	joke	road	tube
safe	rain	beet	dream	vine	tie	bone	goal	fume
make	train	glee	speak	five	cried	vote	soap	fuse
base	chain	cheek	read	tide	cry	home	oat	use
gaze	snail	creep	seam	kite	fly	code	loaf	mute
skate	baby	screen	sunny	nine	July	globe	toast	cute
grape	lady	sleep	very	hike	dry	smoke	mow	dune
shade	navy	feel	study	bride	shy	stove	low	rule
chase	may	tree	sandy	drive	light	chore	grow	huge
paper	play	street	penny	prize	night	stone	slow	value
potato	clay	ear	money	slice	bright	no	toe	few
table		peach		smile		ago		crew

- Variation: Play with words with diphthongs (two vowels that make one sound, like in soil and toy) like oi, oy, ou, ow; or other vowel teams like oo (zoo, boot, etc.).

